

## Instruction

**Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District****SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS****Challenged Material**

A procedure for processing and responding to criticism of approved materials shall be established and followed. This procedure shall include a formal, signed complaint of standard format and an appointed committee to re-evaluate the material in question.

In all cases, the decision to retain or reject shall be made on the basis of whether the material represents life in its true proportions, whether circumstances are realistically dealt with, and whether the material has literary or social value. Factual materials shall be included in all instructional material collections.

**Study of Specific Materials/Conflict with Religious Beliefs**

In accordance with applicable law and regulation, a student may be excused from the study of specific materials relating to health and hygiene if these materials are in conflict with the religion of his/her parents/guardians. Alternatives may be provided that are of comparable instructional value.

Education Law Section 3204(5)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135.3

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #8320 -- Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials  
#8360 -- Religious Expression in the Instructional Program

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